THEATRICAL DISCLOSURES.

EDWARD H. SOTHERN AND VIRGINIA HARNED IN SHAKESPEARE. A Production of "Hamlet" Competes With First-Night Interest in F. Hopkinson Smith's "Caleb West" and J. J. McNally's

The Rogers Brothers in Central Park. Edward H. Sothern gave a good performnow of Hamlet at the Garden Theatre last That praise is not meant to be scant. play the most complex of Shakespeare's characters with merit above mediocrity is a noteworthy achievement. Mr. Sothern's was not failure, and his as pest was positive success. He was least satisfactory in the soliloquies because his elecution was not nearly faultless. He often put emphasis on the wrong words, and

hereby failed to make sentences mean as much therefore left no time to put more than conthat the fault of diction was the only one that amounted to an offence. He was so he may have been rewarded by some observers fact he was seldom noisy, and some passages he made vivid with nothing but his voice and facial filustration. He was indeed a melancholy Dane in aspect, with black hair and a heardless face, instead of the blond and whiskometimes here. He looked much as Idwin Booth used to in the rôle, less intellectual, but of course suitably younger than the great tragedian did in his later years. This comparison is made for the purpose of indicating Mr. Sothern's appearance hastily. There is no need here to subject standard in the acting of the part. But having suggested the contrast, it is only fair to add that since Booth we have not had so good a Hamlet as Sothern's, and that it should improve with repetition. A first essay of such dimensions could hardly have realized all that the actor had prepared himself to do, or that he will very soon be capable of. He was completely satisfactory in the scenes with the Ghost and with those of invective against the King and the Queen. To the climax of the tragedy, and to some of the turbulent earlier passages he imparted what may have struck some persons as melodramatic fury, but if so that impression was doubtless due to having seen him as a romantic swashbuckler in modern pieces. The careful judgment will probably be that his work was nowhere strained or overwrought. It arose to considerable heights of flery passion, but it also had spells of tender pathos, notably in the scenes with the Queen and Ophelia. There were no whims caloddities, although at various points

and otherwise. Virginia's Harned's Ophelia was too elaborate in its earlier scenes-too laboriously ngenuous-but in the depiction of pitiful lunacy she distinguished herself finely in art and beautifully in person. Fuller consideration of her acting must be deferred. The company ranged from facility to futility, but had been very carefully prepared and on the whole did more to help than to hinder the measurably

the action was new and original. Mr. Sothern

was duly encouraged by applause, discriminate

accessful outcome. The scenes in which these players moved and the silent actors who represented the courtiers of Denmark showed proportionately as much care by Mr. Sothern as he had given Chost of Humler's father appeared on the battements of the castle he was not followed by a streak of white light, obviously a calcium from a side of the stage. Instead, the figure moved in the night shadows, green glow, suggestive of death and the supernatural. The device for this effect was not at tirst discoverable, but more closely observed the green light was seen to come from the pulgodish properties of the Queen's closely observed the green light was seen to come from the pulgodish properties of the Queen's closely the behind some curtains at the back brought into shadowy sight the dead King's future. A brighter list made the following the contribution of the well-dose of the apparition and gave more reasonableness to the Queen's close seen was for the well-dose of the paparition and gave more reasonableness to the Queen's close of the paparition and gave more reasonableness to the Queen's lindness to the well-dose of the paparition and gave more reasonableness to the Queen's close of the paparition and gave more reasonableness to the Queen's lindness to the well-dose of the paparition and gave more reasonableness to the Queen's close of the paparition and gave more reasonableness to the Queen's close of the paparition and gave more reasonableness to the Queen's close of the paparition and gave more than the stabled both of the paparition of the paparition of the paparition and did then fell into the room, pulling the draperies down with its weight. Therefore, Hamler's words of grief for his mistake in killing the harmless old man were spoken when he had murdered. The room in which this happened was like the rest of the scenery, handsone to the paparition of the paparit lements of the castle he was not followed by a Whirlwind."

ards. But it was in the early scenes that the committy of the theme asserted its power and save "Caleb West" the assurance of popular ss in spite of crudities in composition weaknesses in performance that would really damaged any work acking a theme of such well-tried merit.

is a figure almost certain to win sym-and the disposition is to regard her des with equal interest. The man who her to her home, the husband who forknown author and t acher, was given away by be believes her to her home, the husband who for save her and the other incidental rigures in this cardiar episode all make a potent appeal, if the dramatist presents them in a way for seveal their qualities to any advantage. Last might the group existed under more than cridiarily interesting circumstances. The disbard was a master diver, the lover one of his aids and the young wife condemned to a long-some life in the home for which her husband carde less than for his own occupation, like scenes revealed alternately the life of the voice workers and the small existence of the voice in a lishing village. These contrasts gets upore or less novel and were not lacking for the play has been at the was working on the vessel and trat he fell into the hold because the defendant did not have a danger light near the hold to warn persons.

Board as at Home is difficult to find in a large city. Such places though a verticed in The Sun under "Select Board."—Adv.

ysville,

of a gray wig damaged the effect of the scenes in which he should have figured as an old husband and it was occasionally impossible to ignore the inappropriateness of his appearance. His acting did nothing to compensate for the lack of illusion in this particular. Nothing in the performance was so satisfying as George Fawcett's spirited and picturesque study of a hearty sea captain. Elmer Grandin's sketch of a bashful countryman had humor of its own and Malcolm Williams as the lover did capably the few disagreeable erisodes in which he appeared. Yabel Haskins provided her own beauty and personal charm in addition to a remarkably minute and it elike imitation of Maxine Elliett. Miss Haskins was in the play an incomprehensible Lady Bountful, who appeared inexplicably at all times, but served the dramatist's purpose by adding variety—and very attractive variety—to the erisodes of the dramatist's purpose by times, but served the dramatist's purpose by adding variety—and very attractive variety—to the erisodes of the drama. May Buckley as the briefly errant w'e acted with less affectation than usual, while Ada Gilman, Kate Wilson and Emily Wakeman were an interesting trio of village women.

Those quaint and fluent speakers of English, with German and other comic imperfections, the speaking as the hearer had found in the Gus and Max Rogers, were in a new play at the ilent reading. That inefficiency in elecution Victoria last night. "The Rogers Brothers should be removable in a man with a full and in Wall Street" was the shrewdly self-adverexible voice. It is truthfully pleasant to tising title, and the piece was from the facewrite that the merits of Mr. Sothern's dominant ; tious pen of John J. McNally, who had twice share in the representation of the tragedy, which lasted until half-past 12 o'clock, and and for whom this time he had been still more serviceable in providing vents for eccentricity. insions, without full particulars, into this His efforts had been directed in the main, of course, to song, dance and repartee for the two principals, but more matter had been made for ch more impressive in activity than in repose | their companions than heretofore, and there was, consequently, a fuller and more diverse as particularly demonstrative throughout, but, entertainment. The Rogerses were introduced as unsophisticated Germans, who bought some land in Missouri called Central Park, and believed it to be New York's great playground. This trick was played on them in a matrimonial agency, where other things happened red type usually seen on the foreign stage and in profusion and confusion. The doings here became antic and frantic, and, although neither the actors nor the audience seemed toknow what all of them meant, they werefunny in the main and served to get the action under headway. No one should expect or wish for coherency in a McNally-Rogers show. This one was classable as a farcical extravaranza. him to the cruel test of a measurement by that and suitable for a theatre with the free easiness of a music hall. The second act was at the Casino in Central Park, where the swindled Germans went to take possession, and were joined by the other members of the company some of whom were drawn by horses and goats in a variety of vehicles. The third act was on the roof of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at night, and, as it was livelier than either of its predecessors, it brought the diversion to a rising climax, instead of letting it wane away, as sometimes befalls such helter-skelter shows.

Men who make us laugh as the Rogerses do should be cherished. There is no need to disdain their foolery. Art and literature have room enough on our stage with a plenty to spare for unpretentious fun. The audience last night ooked as though it could appreciate a good theatrical thing of any grade, but it did not discriminate against the arrant nonsense at the Victoria because a Shakespearean tragedy was being played at the Garden. The conversation between the brothers was of the colloquially witty kind demanded of them, most of it new, with jokes tersely crackeds and all spoken with amanner of innocent earnestnesss. Their chief assistants in songs and dances were Della Fox, Jeannette Bageard and Edith Sinclair, with whom they were involved in "Three Jolly Sailcors" and "When Reuben Comes to Town," ditties illustrated with mimicry of a positively clever kind. There was congenial material for Eugene O'Rourke, John Page, Emma Francis, Grace Freeman, Lee Harrison and several others, so that the things having nothing to do with the farce, but essential to the extravaganza, were plentiful. The new tunes, some of them by Morris Levi, chimed well with the subjects. The stage was filled several times by frisky young women in gay costumes, thus giving showy sights, and these were enhanced by brilliantly lighted scenery. "The Rogers Brothers in Central Park" seemed like a prosperous piece of pleasantry. being played at the Garden. The conversation

Some of the theatrical occurrences of last night, although not disclosing new plays, will to his own performance. Credit for the productilater get more than the mere mention made of tion was given on the programme to Fred | them here. The Donnelly stock company be-Williams, whose death last week took gan its season at the Murray Hill with "A Colohim away before his work on it nial Girl." The Greenwall stock company at was completed. But in preparing him-the American revived "The Three Musketeers." self for so important a performance, The new Circle Music Hall, at Broadway and Mr Southern, had, also, thought out some Sixtieth street, was opened with vaudeville tage effects that were nearly always good and a ballet. The week's change of play at and sometimes novel. For instance, when the the Grand Opera House was to "Why Smith Ghost of Hamlet's father appeared on the bat- | Left Home," and at the Star to "Reaping the The pieces that held over were "Richard Car- It

formance were so careful and thoughtful that they demanded judgment by the highest standards. The third play of the season to be founded on a popular novel was that seen last night at the Manhattan, when Michael Morton's version of F. Hopkinson Smith's "Caleb West" was acted for the first time in New York. That the play possesses the popular quality certain to keep it in favor for some time to come was the most striking impression to be gathered from the occasion. Many other considerations suggested themselves during the progress of the drama. It began in obscurity and it kept the drama. It began in obscurity and it kept the drama. It began in obscurity and it kept the drama. It began in obscurity and it kept the drama. It began in obscurity and it kept the drama. But it was in the early scenes that the

Hillman-Ellis.

Miriam Inez Ellis and Lieut, Leroy Turner Hillman of the Seventh United States Artillery, now stationed at Fort Williams, Portland, Me., were married yesterday afternoon at West were married yesterday atternoon at west wing wife who listens to the voice of the and temporarily falters in loyalty to an it less devoted husband, repents and rehim to find forgiveness in his magnatic and the disposition is to regard her say with equal interest. The man who her to her home, the husband who formed the other incidental figures in this episode all make a potent arrest.

OUR TROOPS WILL REMAIN. NO WITHDRAWAL FROM PEKIN UN-

TIL PEACE NEGOTIATIONS ARE ON. That Is the Probable Programme-Minister Conger Wants Them to Remain While Gen. Chaffee Thinks the Need of Their Presence Is Now Over-Russia Renews Inquiries.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The Chinese situaion is but little clearer to-day than it was two weeks ago. Peace negotiations are apparently nearer a beginning, but the efforts of the War Department to get the American troops out of knowledged in several quarters that the Ad ministration was anxious to have the troops withdrawn from Pekin as soon as it could be done without an appearance of precipitation. agreed to occupy Pekin the United States would withdraw. Russia has now heard from the other nations, and this morning M. De Wollant, in a visit to the Department of State, reiterated to Assistant Secretary of State Adee | and Mr. Rockhill. While the President is anx-Russia's position with reference to retiring from the Chinese capital. He also asked for a further declaration of the attitude of the inited States, and his inquiry is now before the President for consideration.

Evidence that preparations have been made for a withdrawal of the troops is found in the recent despatches sent to Gen. Chaffee by the War Department. Since the restoration of order in Pekin he has favored the return of the American troops to Tientsin, and less than a week ago he was notified that orders to withdraw his troops would probably be sent to him soon. He was told not to plan for a winter campaign in Pekin, and vessels reaching Taku with supplies on board are now held in the har-

campaign in Pekin, and vessels reaching lake with supplies on board are now held in the harbor pending disposition of the troops.

Meanwhile the Department of State had communicated with Minister Conger. Since his rescue by the allied forces Minister Conger has insisted upon the retention of troops in Pekin to protect the American legation and the native Christians. Apparently he did not think it necessary to move the legation from Pekin and he so informed the State Department. At the same time Gen. Chaffee was asked as to the advisability of leaving Pekin. In one despatch he emphatically recommended a withdrawal of the troops. In another he expressed freely his opinion that Pekin would not be a diplomatic point for some time to come and gave every evidence that Minister Conger was not needed in Pekin any more than the troops. view of the representations made

Minister Conger it was thought he would suggest the removal of the legation to some other point and thereby bring about the withdrawal of the the removal of the legation to some other point and thereby bring about the withdrawal of the troops gracefully as an escort for the United States Minister. Minister Conger in his latest telegram, however, repeats his former recommendation for the continued occupancy of Pekin by the military. He insisted that under any circumstances the troops should not be withdrawn until after the arrival of 14 Hung Chang. Minister Conger had also heard of the appointment of Prince Ching and Yung Lu to act jointly with Li Hung Chang as China's peace commissioners. In his cable despatch he also protests against the acceptance of Yung Lu as a commissioner, and advises that no negotiations for peace be opened solong as lung Lu remains one of the negotiators.

All Minister Conger's suggestions to the Department of State have indicated a strong desire that this Government treat very sternly with China. He has believed that peace should be forced from China by the strength of the allied forces, and he is loath to part with the protection now afforded him by Gen Chaffee's troops. On the other hand, Gen Chaffee's troops, on the other hand, Gen Chaffee, looking at the situation from a purely military view, points out that the purpose of his expedition has been accomplished, that peace has been restored in Pekin, that Pekin is no longer a diplomatic city and that the necessity for troops to remain there is passed.

The officials here are of the belief that Minister Conger's suggestion regarding the retention of troops until the arrival of Li Hung Chang will be followed, but as soon as the preliminaries of the peace conference are arranged the troops will be withdrawn to Tientsin. It is also considered probable that the President will wait until hearing from Mr. Rockhill before giving orders for their withdrawal.

RUSSIA'S ATTITUDE UNCHANGED. Makes Inquiries as to the Intentions of This

Government in the Chinese Question. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.-M. de Wollant, the Russian Charge d'Affaires, called at the State Department to-day and made inquiries of the acting Secretary of State, Mr. Adee, as to what the intentions of the United States were, now that this Government had been informed of the attitude of the Powers toward the Russian proposal to withdraw from Pekin. is understood that M. de Wollant also notified this Government that there had been no change in the Czar's attitude on this question and that his Imperial Majesty's troops had been ordered to leave Pekin and were now so doing.

M. de Wollant's representations were at once communicated to the President. As Russia carries on her diplomatic correspondence through her representatives orally, the substance of M. de Wollant's statements was taken down by a stanographer. reply could be made by Mr. Adee until after

he had conferred with the President. M. Thiebault, the French Charge d'Affaires, called upon Mr. Adee directly after M. de Wollant left the State Department, and the Wollant left the State Department, and the significance of these two calls was said to be that Russia and France still adhered to their announced policy of withdrawing from Pekin. France has followed Russia in her Chinese policy from the outset, even going so far as to sound the United States as to whether or not this Government would withdraw if France stood with Russia for withdrawal.

It was said later that the President had directed the State Department to reply to the inquiries of M. de Wollant and M. Thiebault to the effect that the United States did not consider the time expedient to enlarge upon their declared policy or to announce at this time the next step that would be taken by this eir declared policy or to announce at this me the next step that would be taken by this

CHINA'S PEACE ENVOYS.

Prince Ching Requests That Mr. Conger Be Instructed to Begin Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 .- Prince Ching's announcement of authority to act with Li Hung Chang as Peace Envoy, representing the En peror of China with full powers, was handed Chinese Minister to-day. The Prince requests this Government to instruct Minister Conger to begin negotiations with the Emper- dence of the Emperor. or's commission as soon as Li Hung Chang arrives in Pekin, which is expected by the last of this week. His message bears the date of of this week. His message bears the date of Sept. 8 at Pekin. There is a manifest disposition on the part of China to urge the United States to take the lead in opening negotiations and this has been Minister Wu's expressed desire ever since the legations were relieved. Minister Wu has now received official information of the appointment of both Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching as Peace Envoys by the Emperor, and has so notified this Government. The United States has not accepted either as yet. Yung Lu's appointment was made by the Emperor at Li Hung Chang's request. Mr. Wu said to-day that if Gen. Yung Lu was objectionable to any of the Powers, some one else would be appointed.

The Prace Envoys will have equal powers, regardless of rank or birth.

IN FUH-KIEN PROVINCE.

The Viceroy and Tartar General Agree to Protect Foreigners.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.- The Department of State has received a despatch from the Consul | and in Montana and Washington. at Fuchau, China, transmitting a copy of an agreement entered into between the Vicercy in substance that the Chinese authorities will do everything in their power to protect the lives and property of foreign officers, merchants and missionaries resident in Fuh-Kien and at Amoy: that central and southern China and at Amoy: missionaries resident in Fuh-Rien and at Amoy; that central and southern China shall not be attacked by the foreign Powers so long as the local authorities maintain order; and that the Admirals of the several nations will be informed that it is not advisable that a number of naval vessels should visit Fuchau lest the people be alarmed. The agreement is signed by the Russian, United States, Japanese, British and French Consuls and by Vicercy Hsu Jing Kuel and Gen. Shan Lien.

Lalians Los. Five Supply Boats. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ROME, Sept. 17.—A telegram to the Mes-

angero from Taku states that an Italian column has started for Nanasaltsun. At last accounts no trace of the enemy had been seen. Five boats of the expedition with provisions and thing was a total loss.

DESPATCHES FROM GEN. CHAFFEE. POWERS AGREE ON THIS. Our Troops Apparently Not to Withdraw Before

the Opening of Peace Negotiations. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.-Two despatches from Gen. Chaffee, received at the War Department yesterday, were made public by acting Secretary of War Meiklejohn this morning They are dated Pekin, Sept. 13 and 14. and were sent before Gen. Chaffee received the notification from the War Department that instructions would propably be sent him soon to withdraw his troops.

In the first despatch Gen. Chaffee says that he needs fifty storm flags and 5,000 more Ameri-Pekin have been retarded by advices from can flags, the latter being required for the Minister Conger. It has been officially according to the Chinese houses to show the American protection. tion. The second despatch reports the expedition of two companies of the Fourteenth Infantry from Tientsin to Tuliu southward. He says that the town was destroyed by British troops Russia has been informed that unless the Powers | and the Americans returned to Tientsin with but slight opposition and no casualties It is apparent here that the withdrawal of

troops from Pekin has been delayed perding the arrival at the capital of Li Hung Chang ious to get the troops back to Tientsin, it does not seem advisable to withdraw them until Prince Ching, Li Hung Chang, Mr. Conger and Mr. Rockhill have had a conference.

FIGHTS WITH THE BOXERS.

Our Men Engage 2.000 of Them and With British Ald Rout Them Germans Kill 500.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. TIENTSIN, Sept. 14.-British signal officers report that there has been a sharp engagement between one company of American infantry and 2,000 Boxers at Motao, on the Pekin road The Americans made a gallant stand. A detachment of the Bengal Lancers, who were in the vicinity, heard the firing, and went to the rescue of the Americans, charging the Boxers in the rear. The Boxers were routed and left 200 dead on the field.

German officers report an engagement with a heavy force of Boxers west of Pekin on Sept. 13. The Germans lost twenty men.

BEBLIN, Sept. 17 .- A despatch received by the German Foreign Office from Shanghai states that a German naval force attacked the town of Liang, which was strongly held by the Boxers. The Germans were assisted by forty men of the Bengal Lancers.

The Boxers made a strong resistance, but the Germans rushed the position and razed the

Five hundred Boxers were killed. The Germans had one killed and four wounded.

THE MIXED RULE IN PERIN. Japanese Control Best-Americans Respected -Looting Continues.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 17.-The Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post confirms the reports of the superiority of the Japanese control in the Chinese capital. He states that the German section of the city, which is now under Dr. Cordes, the interpreter of the German Legation, ranks next to the Japanese section. The British cannot be placed higher because the Sepoys are easer for loot. It is feared that they will break out at any minute. The Americans are respected, but looting continues, and their arrangements are imperfect. The Russians and French are harsh, lawless and careless. United action on the part of the Generals is difficult as their commands are diso-

BARON VON KETTELER'S MURDERER. Japanese De Not Believe the Man Under Ar rest Is the Real Culprit.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN PERIN, Sept. 11.-The Japanese legation does not believe that the man recently arrested on the charge of having murdered Baron ven Ketteler, the German Minister, is the real culprit. He was probably paid to impersonate the murderer for the purpose of discrediting Prince Ching.

RUSSIAN MINISTER'S PLANS.

Will Go to Tientsin, but May Return to Pekin as a Peace Negotiator Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ETERSBURG, Sept. 17.—T) states that the Russians will leave Pekin as soon as possible and that M. de Giers, the Russian Minister, will take up his residence at Tientsin. If necessary, he can proceed from that place

MR. ROCKHILL STARTS FOR PEKIN. Said at Tientsin He Did Not Expect to Remain More Than a Few Days.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. TIENTSIN, Sept. 15 -Mr. Rockhill, the Special Commissioner of the United States, left here today for Pekin. Before starting he said he did not expect to remain at the Chinese capital more than a few days.

French Minister Has Not Left Pekin.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Sept. 17 .- The Government explains that the despatch from M Pichon, the French Minister at Pekin, received yesterday was misread. Instead of M. Pichon leaving Pekin on Sept. 1, as was announced yesterday, it was the despatch that left the capital on that day.

"Black Flags" to Return to Canton.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Lendon, Sept. 17 .- A Hong Kong despatch to the Central News says that owing to the capture of Pekin Liu Yang Fu, chief of the Black Flags, has ordered his men who were marching

Chinese Troops Gathering at Singan. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Sept. 17. The Lokalanzeiger prints

o Mr. Adee at the State Department by the a despatch from Shanghai saying that troops from all over China are streaming into Singan, which has been selected as the rermanent resi-

Chinese Kill Roman Catholic Bishop. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

HAVRE, Sept. 17.-The family of Mgr. Hamer. Roman Catholic Bishop of Mongolia, residing at Nymeguen, have received information that he has been murdered by Chinese.

The high pressure moving down over Minnesota into the Central States brought decidedly colder weather to all the interior of the country yesterday. There was a general fall in temperature south to the Arkansas Valley. In the Dakotas and Minnesota the mercury touched 2 degrees below freezing point, with killing frosts, and there were light frosts in Wyoming, eastern Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa, I linois and northern Michigan. The cool weather was spreading eastward over the

Lakes and the Ohio Valley into this section. An area of low pressure was forming over the Rocky Mountains. Fair weather prevailed, except for local showers in northern New York, northern Pennsylvania In this city the day was fair and cooler, with

sprinkle of rain in the afternoon; wind, fresh to brisk and Tartar General of Fuh-Kien Province and northwest; average humidity.55 per cent; barometer, the foreign Consuls at Fuchau, which provides | corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 20, 79; 3 P. M. The temperature as recorded by the official ther

mometer, and also by THE SUN's thermometer at the street level, is shown in the annexed table: Political Sun's analysis and Sun's Sun's 1990, 1899, 1990, 1990, 1899, 1990, 1899, 1990, 1899, 1990, 1899, 1990, 1899, 1990, 1899, 1990, 1899, 1990, 1899, 1990, 1899, 1990, 1899, 1990, 1899, 1990, 1 WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-

MORROW. For the District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland Virginia and castern Pennsylvania, fair, continued cool to day and probably to-morrow; light to fresh north winds.

For New Jersey and eastern New York, fair, con

tinu d cool to-day and to morrow; fresh to brisk north

winds slowly diminishing after this morning.
For New England, fair and cool to-day and to-mor row, probably preceded by showers on north coast this morning; high northwest winds to-day. For western New York, western Pennsylvania, Ohio munitions of war sunk in the Pel-ho. Every- I and West Virginia, fair, continued cool to-day and

FULL RETRIBUTION TO BE EXACTED FOR ATTACK ON LEGATIONS.

Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching Acceptable as Peace Negotiators-Satisfactory Central Government Must Be Organized-Differ as to Withdrawal of Troops Has Not Affected the Other Negotiations. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Sept. 17 .- The Graphic learns, probably from a governmental source, that the pourpariers between the Powers regarding the preliminaries of the peace negotiations with China have in no wise suffered from the difference respecting the evacuation of Pekin. The cordiality of the concert has not been disturbed. The following points have been agreed upon: First-Li Hung Chang will be accepted as a negotiator by all the Powers. It is probable

that Prince Ching will also be accepted, but the acceptances are conditional upon the production of adequate credentia's by both. Second-A central government satisfactory the Powers must be established.

Third-The fullest retribution is to be exacted for the attacks on the legations and the ma-sacres of foreigners. On this latter point Russia has shown herself to be as earnest as Great Britain. The question of where the negotiations are to be conducted is now being discussed. No communications regarding indemnities have yet passed between the Powers.

While from various sources come assertions that the harmony of the Powers is not disturbed regarding China, the Paris correspondent of the Times strikes a loud note of alarm. He says:

"Not since the Franco-Prussian War has the peace of the world been in such danger as it appears to-day. Never, it would seem, has it been so easy for a rupture to occur. The characteristic note of the situation and a note which makes it dangerous is the reciprocal distrust of the Powers engaged in making their action felt in China. All protest disinterestedness, and all declare that they have but one object, namely to defend and maintain the rights of civilization. All assert that they have no thought of any personal interests, but there is nevertheless general distrust, and it is this fact which constitutes the gravest danger to the peace of each. All are convinced that these protests of disinterestedness are merely a sort of transparent screen behind which individual ends are aimed at If the universal suspicion is not speedily allayed things will rapidly go from bad to worse, and China, whose aim is to increase the general distrust, will easily succeed in transforming latent suspicion into overt hostilities, which will bring forth a general conflagration."

After much more matter of the same sort, which does not appear to be supported by any special information, the correspondent contends that the danger can only be removed by the Powers signing a solemn engagement not to claim separate advantages, direct or indirect.

WEDDING FOLLOWS DIVORCE. The Marriage of Miss Clute of Fredonia and

John C. Birdsall of Watertown. DUNKIRK, N. Y., Sept. 17 .- Miss Nellie Clute and John C. Birdsall, reported to have been narried in Greenwich, Conn., by Judge Charles D. Burns on Saturday. Sept. 15, are well known in Dunkirk and Fredonia. Miss Clute is the daughter of Charles A. Clute of Fredonia, former assistant superintendent of the Dunkirk, Allegheny Valley and Pittsburg Railroad, and Mr. Birdsall has until recently lived in Fredonia,

where he was a clothing merchant, until he recently removed to Watertown, N. Y., and opened a clothing store there. A few weeks ago Mrs. Bessie Webb Birdsall secured a divorce upon statutory grounds from her husband, John C. Birdsall, to whom she was married in Batavia about nine years ago. At about the same time it was rumored that Miss Clute had secured a divorce in Albany from a Clute had secured a divorce in Albany from a young man to whom it war reported that she had been married six years, but as far as known the couple had never lived together. The rumor of the marriage and divorce was a great surprise to the community. When Miss Clute was interviewed at that time concerning the story of her marriage and divorce, she declared that there was no truth in it. It is now asserted on what seems good authority, that Miss Clute did receive a divorce in Rensselaer county closer two months ago, a young attorney in

on what seems about action on what seems also a young attorney in Albany, whose home was formerly in Fredonia, conducting her case for her.

Charles A. Clute, father of Miss Clute, said today that his wife and drughter left Fredonia on Friday to visit relatives in Oneida county, but further than that he knew nothing of their whereabouts. He professed total ignorance of the wedding. John Birdsall, Sr., father of the bridgeroom, said he received a letter, written by his son in Watertown last Friday, but that he did not mention a wedding. It is the opinion of the people acquainted with Miss Clute and Mr. Birdsall that they were married as reported at Greenwich. Conn. Sept. 15. as it was generally thought they would bemarried, although the marriage was not expected to take place so soon.

NEWPORT'S LONGEST FOX HUNT. P. F. Collier and Mrs. Adolf Ladenburg Alone in at the Death.

NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 17.- The regular for hunt was held this afternoon over the farms of the island and was the longest chase of the season, being about fifteen miles. Besides the whips and P. F. Collier, the only riders were Mrs. Adolf Ladenburg and F G Griswold There was a large gathering at the meet, which was at Quaker Hill, and Miss Gre a Pomeroy rode out on Fer bioxe'e to see the rack away. Both of her hunters are laid up and she could not take part in the hunt. The start was at 4:30 and the death at Hilliside Farm. Some of the jumps were pretty difficult, and Mrs. Griswold's hunter got hurt and he had to withdraw. Among those who followed in traps were A G Vanderbilt and Miss French, Mr and Mrs. A Cass Canfield, Miss Van Alon, Mrs. J. P. Kernochan, Mr and Mrs. W Meyer, and the Misses Mills. were Mrs. Adolf Ladenburg and F G. Griswold

BRITISH KILLED IN EXPLOSION. Accident to Saidlers Who Were Destroying Gunpowder Captured From the Chinese.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Sept. 17 .- The Government has received from Taku an official report of an accident that occurred to a British party while destroying guapowder captured from the Chinese at Tung Chow. Two men were killed, twenty-five dangerously wounded and eight, including an officer, severely injured. The officer belonged to the British-Chinese regiment from Wei hai Wei.

OLD PETER M'GLOIN DROWNED. He Was Known to the Police as the Father of

Fourteen of the injured have since died.

Murderer Mike McGloto. Peter McGloin of 259 We t Twenty-ninth street was found drown d in the North River

near the foot of Twenty-seventh street yesternear the foot of Twenty-seventh street yester-day. He had been in the halit of string on the pier there and his friences think he feil off. McGloin, who was 70 years old, was acc rding to the police, the father of Michael McGloin the turglar who in December, 1881, killed siloonkeeper Hanier. Hanier aroused by the noise made by young McG old and four other thieves in ransacking his saloon rushed down stairs and was -hot by young McGloin, who was waiting at the foot.

"A man ain't touch till he's knocked his man cut," the murderer remarked to a rall the next day. He was executed i March, 1883.

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LOUISE HEPNER WANTS ALIMONY. In Spite of Her Letter to He: Wigmaker Aske

ing Him to Set Her Free. Louise Willis Hepner, actress, had a motion on before Justice Bischoff of the Supreme Court yesterday for alimony and counsel fee in the suit she has pending against William Repair, wigmaker, for an absolute divorce. She accuses him of intimacy with Minnie Russell and Florence Leigh. He sets up a claim on his part for divorce, and declares she has been intimate with George W. Leslie. The Hepners were married five years ago in Chicago and separated early this year. *
A large part of the motion papers on both

sides has been published. Hepner says that he got a letter from her dated at Toronto ia-4 January, in which she sald: January, in which she said:

DEAR WILL: What I emg ing to tell you in this letter wit shock you terribly, I know, but believe me, it I could spare you the pain I would gladly do so I am going to appeal to you to do me the greatest lavor of my I fe- to give me back my freedom I know you will feel badly, and think you a e the most unhappy man in the world, but believe me, Will, when I tell you that you will soon look at this slep we are bont about to take and agree with me that it is best for both of us.

Now don't sto m nor cy out, but be sensible and above all don't let it make you till. You know you have other told me you would do anything to make me happy. Now, Will, I ask you to prove it. Do give me my freedom and in the me happy I have known for a long time and think you mus, have too, that there was something missing, and it is this, will, while I respect a d honor you for your great kindness to me. I know now that I do not love you as much as a wife should love her husband.

She says Hepner makes \$150 a week at wig-

She ays Hepner makes \$150 a week at will making. He says his earnings are about \$15 week, while she commands a large salary. To Court reserved decision. TALE OF A BOY FAGIN.

Told by Two Small Boys Caught Stealing

Wom-n's Skirt Plas in the Park. Two small boys were caught in Central Park Sunday stealing the ornamental pins which it is the present fad for women to wear in their skirts. So many complaints of the thefts reached the police station in the arsenal that Detectives Cray and Lane were sent out to find the thieves. They went to the monkey house, where the robberies were most frequent, and had scarcely entered the building when a negro woman gave a boy a resounding slap. The detectives nabbed him and a smaller companion. They were Joseph and Louis Daisy of 185 Seventh street, 14 and 12 years old. Lillie Franks of 107 West 127th street and Louise Bashare of 1,289 Columbus avenue had both been robbed of the pins which held their skirts in the back, and the pins were found

their skirts in the back, and the pins were found in the boys' pockets.

In the Yorkville police court yesterday the boys said that an older boy, who lived in their house, had taught them to steal. He had instructed other boys, too, they said. On Sunday he had taken them into the Park, and under a threat of losing them in some out-of-the-way spot had compelled them to steal the pins. The detectives promised to investicate the youngsters' stories. Both boys were held in \$300 bail for their good behavior for a month.

ARREST INTERRUPTED HIS SHAVE.

Ephraim Meddary of Penn Yan Went to the Station bout It, but Protested in Vain. Beatrice Trivoga of 148 Columbus avenue and her father complained to the West Sixty; eighth street police last night that Egido Balucco a barber of 369 West Sixty-ninth street, had chased her into a hall and had threatened to shoot her because he said she had been talking about him. The girl wanted Balucco arrested and the sergeant sent Detective Cleary to do it Cleary found Balucco shaving a customer. He did not wait until the shave was finished, but took the barber to the station immediately. The customer, with his face covered with lather,

The customer, with his lace covered with latter followed.

"I'm Ephraim Meddury of Penn Yan," he said to the sergeant. "I come to this city to spend a week and didn't bring my razor with me. To-morrow my darter is goin' to take me to a show. I wanted to spruce up a mite an' I was gettin' shaved when you arrest the barber. You spoiled my whole visit. I want you to set this feller loose so as he kin finish the job."

"Look here, Penn Yan," said the sergeant. "There are other barber shops. Now you git."

Mr. Meddury got and the barber was locked up.

Satd He Was Robbed: Was Arrested, Anyhow A man with a bloody head to'd bystanders at the Bowery and Bleecker street last night that be had been robbed by a woman and two men, in a nearty hotel, of \$300. He got into a row with a policeman afterward and was taken to the Mulberry street station, where he said he was Henry Fischer of Long Island, a pedier. The police found \$4 in his pockets.

Aged Wheelman Falls Dead. Amandaline Bissell, 74 years old, a printer, of

71 Harmon street, Jersey (ity, feli from his wheel last evening at Yale and West Side avenues. A policeman who went to his aid found that he was dea. Dr. Childs said death was caused by heart disease.

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DAVIDSON .- At Montreal, on Friday, Sept. 14. 1900, Thomas Davidson, in the 60th year of his

GIRBONS -At Livingston Manor, Sullivan county N Y., on Saturday, Sept. 15, 1900, the Rev. Daniel A. Gibbons, rector of St. Aloystus' Church in his 33d year. Requiem mass at Livingston Manor, Tues-day, Sept. 18, 1900, at 10:30 A. M.; office and

solemn requiem at Holy Cross Church, West 42d st., New York, Wednesday, Sept. 19, 1900, at 10 A. M. The reverend clergy and friends are hereby invited without further notice. Interment in St. Raymond's Cemetery. MERRIAM .- At Waterford, Conn., on Sunday

Scit. 16, 1900, Dr. Frank W. Merriam of 136 West 11th st., aged 46 years. Interment at Woodlawn Cemetery at 2:30 P. M. on Wednesday, Sept. 19, 1900. MII HAU .- At Southampton, L. L. on Saturday morning, Sept. 15, 1900, Mary J. (née Manning),

wife of Edward L. Milhau. Funeral services on Tuesday morning, Sept. 18, 1800, at 11 o'clock, in the Church of St. Charles Borromeo, Sidney pl., Brooklyn, N. V. Paris papers please copy.

SPENCER. - At Newark, N. J., on Saturday, Sept. 15, 1900, Cora Edith, wife of George F. Spencer. Funeral services at her late residence, 821 Lake St., Forest Hill, on Tuesday, Sept : 8 1900, at 2 P. M. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

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